

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOCATING A COMMUNICATION  
RESOURCE IN A BROADBAND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

5       A communication resource that includes a communication channel is allocated in response to a received communication resource access request, wherein the access request is received while a message received via the communication channel is being demodulated. In response to receiving the request, a grant of access to the communication channel is generated and transmitted, which grant authorizes the source  
10 of the access request to use the communication channel.

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